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In re Application of:

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IMPROVED METHOD AND
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ALUMINUM SHEET

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AMENDMENT

August 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001.

Accompanying this Amendment is a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through August 13, 2001.

In the Specification

On page 3, please replace the paragraph at lines 9 and 10 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 is a partially schematic illustration of sliver generation during trimming of an aluminum sheet.